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## JACOB BAKER FINDS GREENBELT FERTILE FIELD FOR CO-OPS

"Cooperatives can succeed only with widespread membership participation and efficient management," said Jacob Baker, guest speaker at the Greenbelt Citizens' Association meeting, Monday night, January 3.

Mr. Baker, president of the United Federal Workers of America and one-time chairman of President Roosevelt's Commission to study co-ops in Europe, began his remarks by pointing out that Greenbelt offers very fertile soil for cooperative enterprise.

"In Europe the co-ops cover a very wide range of activity," said Mr. Baker, "particularly in England and the Scandinavian countries."

In England, 40 percent of the retail food is bought through consumers' co-operatives. Half of the milk Englishmen drink is bought in cooperative stores.

Mr. Baker defined a consumer as one who does not have enough money to purchase all the goods and services he needs when he needs them; he must, therefore, seek the most economical way of buying. In Europe and in America, more and more consumers are finding a solution in the cooperative method.

A co-op, to grow, must get its feet firmly implanted in the working class because they provide a stable market.

Private industry has nothing to fear from co-ops, Mr. Baker pointed out.

There is room for private industry and cooperatives in the economic struc-

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## FIRST CIVIC FORUM PRESENTS INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER

Tomorrow evening, Thursday, January 6, at 8:00 P.M. in the school auditorium, the first of the Greenbelt Civic Forum series will be held.

In announcing this inaugural program the Citizens Association also takes pride in presenting the speaker of the evening and the essential timeliness of the subject for discussion.

The main speaker will be Dr. Fred W. Ingvoldstad and the topic for the evening "Shall We Get Out of the Far East."

Dr. Ingvoldstad, just recently returned from an extended European tour and study, is a nationally known lecturer on International Relations. He is the author of several articles on Cooperatives, and on the Scandinavian countries. He has debated with Clarence Darrow, Louis Euler, and others. In addition he has broadcast on educational programs in some 15 cities, all in the field of International relations.

There will be a brief foreword by Mr. Chester S. Williams, Assistant Administrator of the Civic Forums Project of the U. S. Office of Education. The main address will be followed by a period of questions and answers and expression of opinions by the audience.

Every resident of the community is urged to attend. The meeting will start promptly at 8:00 o'clock.



### MR. ASHLEY'S FATHER KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Mr. J. M. Ashley, of Valdosta, Ga., father of Julian M. Ashley, 1 G Gardenway was killed Monday, Dec. 27, in an automobile accident near Jasper, Ga., while returning home from Florida with Mrs. Ashley where they had spent the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Ashley was seriously injured.

The accident was the result of a blow-out in a front tire, which caused the car to turn over several times.

### MRS. CLAXTON STARTS NEW YEAR RIGHT

Mrs. Bernice H. Claxton, 33 Q Ridge Road, had her tonsils removed New Year's Day at Montgomery County General Hospital, in Sandy Springs, Maryland.

Dr. John Warren of Laurel, Md., performed the tonsilectomy.

The patient returned home Sunday and is doing fine.

### JACOB BAKER

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ture of our country and the two need not conflict, Mr. Baker further observed.

Mr. Baker's talk was instructive, interspersed with humorous descriptions of European developments, and at all times interesting. The audience responded enthusiastically, bombarding him with questions at the close of his address.

Mr. Stanley B. Rider, president of the Citizens' Association, presided over the meeting. In introducing Mr. Baker, he summarized his varied experiences from miner to Assistant Administrator of W.P.A., and president of U.F.W.A.

Other features of the meeting included old fashioned mountain music by a 4-piece orchestra, led by Mr. John Walker, of Greenbelt. Mr. Chas. W. Townsley, vice-president of the Society of American Magicians, amused the audience with his tricks and finally fed them with some chocolates which he "cooked up."

Both the band and the magician will be with us again.

What this country needs is a Greenbelt in every garage.

### OUR NEW ORGANIZATION

The Cooperator, having completed its first trial period, has set up plans for the next two months with a few changes in its staff following a meeting of the Greenbelt Journalistic Club, December 29, 1937.

This was the final meeting of the club under the six-issue temporary arrangement adopted November 11, 1937, as reported in previous issues of the Cooperator.

A report was presented by Robert D. Hayes, chairman of the business committee, regarding the question of issuing a printed paper. The committee's findings were (1) that it would cost upwards of thirty dollars weekly to print the paper, (2) that there was a possibility of getting some outside advertising, and (3) that people would be willing to subscribe for the paper.

It was the club's opinion that the plan of printing a paper was not feasible for the present, and it was decided that the next few issues would be mimeographed as before. To meet the cost of production, borne by the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., during the trial period, the paper will be sold at five cents an issue.

A plan was adopted whereby the Cooperator staff would be set up as an association distinctly separate from the officers of the club.

The plan permits the five-member board of directors (composed of the editor-in-chief, assistant editor, secretary, business manager and production manager) to adopt the policies of the paper. This board of directors and all workers on the paper make up the association which publishes the Greenbelt Cooperator under the auspices of the Greenbelt Journalistic Club.

The club elected the following as members of the board: Editor-in-chief, William R. Poole; Assistant Editor, Sam Maryn; Secretary, R. S. Sowell; Production Manager, John McWilliams; and Business Representative, Robert D. Hayes. Two associate editors have been appointed by the editor-in-chief; Arthur A. Dickerman as Feature Editor and Ruth G. Hayes as Women's Editor.

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OUR NEW ORGANIZATION

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A vote of thanks was extended by the club to Mrs. Ruth Hayes for a job well done as editor of the Women's Page and to the editor and staff members of the Cooperator for their splendid work on the first six issues.

R. S. Sowell, Secretary

COLORADO WOMAN STAYING WITH DAUGHTER

Mrs. Doris Strong of Denver, Colo., has joined the household of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bessemer for the next two months.

Mrs. Strong is visiting her daughter and is enjoying the company of her only grandchild, David Wilmot, three-months-old Bessemer baby.

This is Mrs. Strong's first visit with her daughter in two years and the first visit with her grandson.

An authority on genealogy, Mrs. Strong has done a great deal of research along this line for the members of the Colorado Genealogical Society and the D. A. R., in Denver.

She intends to do some incidental research in genealogy at the Library of Congress.

IOWA VISITORS CALL ON MAYOR

Eight Iowa visitors called on Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bessemer Saturday morning. The visitors were brought to Greenbelt by Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Stauber of Washington.

Information was sought by the group on the status of consumer-cooperatives, and the current civic projects in Greenbelt.

The party included Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilcox of the University of Iowa. Prof. Wilcox for a time had an assignment in the Resettlement Administration when the first plans for Greenbelt were under consideration.

Coal may be high, but once it gets in the bin it soon gets lower.

Punny possibility: An India rubber man doing a stretch in prison.

GROUP ORGANIZED TO START NEW CHURCH

Meeting to set up a program of procedure, a committee has launched a campaign for the establishment of the Church of Greenbelt, Dr. Worth M. Tippy announced Thursday night, Dec. 30.

When the organizing committee met Thursday, a constitution designed by the Comity Committee of the Washington Federation of Churches was read and discussed.

After the meeting, Dr. Tippy returned to New York leaving the work in the hands of the committee. Members are Mrs. O. M. Johnson, 3 C Gardenway; Mrs. George Barr, 39 L. Ridge Road; E. M. Halley, 62 B. Crescent Road; Lloyd M. Worley, 2 J Eastway; Robert Dove, 6 M Hillside Road; and Harry A. Falls, 2 H Eastway.

Herbert E. Evans, Vice president of Consumer Distribution Corporation, in charge of personnel and education, gave the sermon Sunday morning.

Dr. Evans is a minister by training and a widely known educator. He was formerly on the staff of Columbia University, New York.

Dr. W. L. Darby of Washington is scheduled to preach next Sunday.

THE CITIZENS OF GREENBELT ARE RESOLVED

1. To develop a happy home atmosphere.
2. To be real neighbors.
3. To continue tolerance of race, religion and politics.
4. To strive for peace, beginning within ourselves.
5. To make the essence of reciprocal assistance our "Greenbelt philosophy" of life.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Glendon L. Allred, treasurer of the Greenbelt Credit Union, will be in the Administration Building every Saturday, beginning January 8, 1938, from 4 to 6 o'clock, to collect for shares in the Credit Union.

Then there was the chiropodist student who was at the foot of his class.



# MODERN GREENBELT NEEDS MODERN TRANSPORTATION

By Robert R. Porter

Because busses are the only practical means of transportation for the residents of Greenbelt in general, it becomes necessary for us to give it thought and to consider its modern aspects.

To be brief, modern busses afford us safe, fast and trouble-less means of getting to and from Washington, where the "bread winner" of the family earns the income, and where the family "disbursing agent" buys needed products that are not for sale in our stores. To accept the kindness of a neighbor, continuously to get to and from Washington is to leave our home folks confined to Greenbelt, to entertain an un-insured mode of commuting for ourselves, and to disregard the benefits adequate bus transportation will bring to our landlord (F.S.A.) and all citizens of our modern town.

Washington newspapers relate activities of citizens' associations, labor unions and similar organizations concerning a "white elephant" bus problem they now have. It does not seem that they are making much headway. It, therefore, is our job to iron out our difficulties now before we have to face a problem that cannot be easily overcome, especially when instigated by a well-organized public utility company.

Let's come forward with what we need and strive to get it so that Greenbelt may have economic and adequate bus transportation forever.

## COPY BOY!

In the hustle and bustle of the Cooperator office just before the copy goes to press one can see a little "man" about 3½ feet tall and about 5 years old scurrying about with copy.

This job gives this little man the title of "copy boy." The members of the Cooperator staff are ever willing to recognize the need of this copy boy and wish to publicize his importance as a staff member. He is Rae Sowell, Jr., and lives at 35 F Ridge Road.

# "THE PARADE OF THE MINUTES" (By Mary E. Van Cleave)

Tick-tock! Tick-tock! Tick-tock!  
Thus the clock bespeaks the passing of the minutes, with the relentless persistence of the beating of savage war-drums, whose maddening, throbbing pulsations echo and re-echo through the jungle.

The year 1937, with bowed, white head, has already followed older brothers into oblivion. We can not hold back the flight of time. The older we become, the more rapidly the years seem to glide by us. In vain, we attempt to reach out and stay the train of time as it hurries by in an endless procession.

It is much like watching a fascinating parade. New contingents, depicting the momentous events within a year, round the corner and march into our human range of vision. While further down the street, turning off, out of our sight, with faltering steps, passes the old.

No, we can not hold back the flight of time, nor should we--if we could. For, with each turn of the parade that brings before us a New Year, we have a new chance for happiness, for life. With the arrival of that large, stream-lined float, which flies such brave and vivid colors in the breezes, we have another opportunity in which to justify our own existence.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The Cooperator:

May I too register my disapproval of the name "Cooperator" for our Greenbelt newspaper.

The Greenbelt "Town Crier" has been suggested as a fitting name--but isn't that a bit "too loud?"

May I suggest the "Greenbelt News."

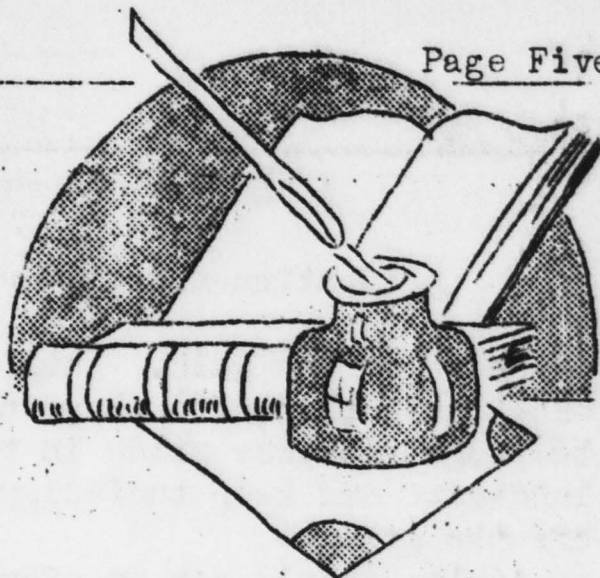
Edward Weitsman

3 D Gardenway

(Editor's Note: We feel that "The Cooperator" expresses the cooperative aim of this community. However, more letters from our readers will determine whether or not this name is fitting.)



# Editorial



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2. Nonpartisan in politics.
3. Neutral in religious matters.
4. An open forum for civic affairs.

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## A WORD TO THE WISE

Considerable time and money have been and will be spent on sodding, seeding, planting and transplanting in the Greenbelt area. It's up to us to make this investment worth while.

For the present, we can do our share by avoiding short cuts across the bushes and lawns. In parking, autoists should be careful not to drive on the grass.

We should also discourage our children from riding their scooters, skates, bicycles and wagons on the grass along

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## A NEW YEAR AND A NEW ORGANIZATION

The Cooperator, though only six weeks old, begins its second volume. And with the New Year, a new organization - The Greenbelt Cooperator Publishing Association.

The Association is sponsored by the Greenbelt Journalistic Club and is headed by a board of five members. This board, composed of the heads of each Division of the paper, is to plan and publish The Cooperator.

The Journalistic Club, as parent organization for the Association, has tentatively planned to meet twice each month to discuss interesting subjects for publication and to make recommendations to the Association.

The trial period for the Cooperator is over. The paper has proven its merits and is now on its own resources to remain "Greenbelt's Own Newspaper".

Beginning with this issue a charge of five cents a copy will be necessary to help cover the cost of publishing the Cooperator and it is hoped that every home in Greenbelt will support this weekly.

We desire to point out that this is absolutely a nonprofit venture. All work on the paper is contributed. However, there are expenses. Paper, ink, stencils, and miscellaneous items must be paid for. It is to meet these necessary expenses that we have decided to charge for subscriptions.

## EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

The Cooperator joins all Greenbelt residents in expressing sympathy with Sgt. Julian Ashley in the accidental death of his father and the serious injuries sustained by his mother.

Cooperatives and standardization go hand in hand.



## A WORD TO THE WISE

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the edge of the walk. While grass is made for children to play on, they can be taught to take pride in the community landscape and keep turf-digging toys off the green.

Adults should set an example for children by taking square, not rounded, walks. Remember when next you are tempted, that the slightly longer walk on the cement is better in the long run; the exercise will do you good and the groundswill remain intact.

We may be pioneers here, but that does not mean that we have to blaze new trails

## A DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY SPEAKS

Many Greenbelters have come from crowded metropolitan areas and it is not surprising to find a low index of knowledge of nature. (A preliminary survey shows that the index approximates 38.7 but may drop as low as 3.9) It is for the edification of these people, then, that the services of Dr. Oozle, the well known naturalist, have been engaged. Below follows the first of a series of weekly articles on some phase of Nature. The series will continue for one week if sufficient interest is shown.

## TREES

(By J. D. Oozle, Ph.D.)

The subject of trees holds an important place in plant biology. It is generally conceded that they play a prominent part in the development of forests. Some scientists hold that they are indispensable in this respect.

It is a simple matter to recognize a tree. It suffices merely to tip your hat. Dogs are useful in identifying trees in the absence of lamp posts.

To classify the various types, I have devised a new system, commended by its simplicity. Any tree can be ranked in one of these 2 classes:

(A) Subhexapiet; (B) Surhexapiet; i.e., those under 6 feet and those above.

Some of you who prefer the older classification such as pine, maple, etc., may sometimes wish to distinguish a

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## THE POET'S CORNER

In all our history books, beginnings are always given special note: the beginning of writing, the beginning of transportation, the beginning of a nation. And in our own lives beginnings are also memorable, but none more so than the beginning of a romance. There is something about the beginning of a romance that remains in our minds all our lives. What better subject then, for our hobby-poet, than the beginning of his romance. Seated in his easy chair, recalling the days when he hardly realized that the stalk of friendship would bear the flower of love, he puts those memories on paper as he writes:

When Love and Friendship from Olympian height

Espied two mortals walking hand in hand,

In fields by day, and silvered roads by night,

The gods each claimed the pair and did demand

Of Jove the right to teach the two below

Their separate art. And Love with tender phrase

Extolled the passion's flame. "But when they go

With Time beyond the land of youth, the days,"

Quoth Friendship, "Of their twilight life will find

Grey ashes with no embers left to bear In mind the mem'ry of your art, while

mine--".

"Be still. These two are for you both to share,"

Ruled Jobe. Together then they fashioned ties

Whose strength endures tho' love or friendship dies.

L. B. Sawyer.

## EXTRA COPIES OF THE COOPERATOR

If anyone did not receive their copy of The Cooperator, or if they desire extra copies, call Greenbelt 3021 or go to 35 G Ridge Road and contact Robert D. Hayes.



A LETTER FROM MRS. ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 30, 1937

My dear Mr. Sowell:

I am very much interested in the copies of the Greenbelt Cooperator which you are sending me, but I think I am more interested in the fact that you have formed a journalistic club and will carry this venture through on a cooperative, voluntary basis.

I hope that the paper will prove a valuable instrument for the dissemination of news and that it will have the interest of the people of Greenbelt.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Eleanor Roosevelt

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CREDIT UNION TO OPEN OFFICE IN SHOPPING DISTRICT

Roy F. Bergengren, in his new book, "Cuma Emerges," writes, "The real job of the credit union is to prove, in modest measure, the practicality of the brotherhood of man."

The folks of Greenbelt have demonstrated their active interest in doing this job by organizing the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. The Treasurer interprets this wholehearted interest as an assurance that these folks will undoubtedly support their credit union in a practical and lasting way.

May I stress, at this time, the fact that the first purpose of a credit union is "to promote thrift among its members."

All residents of Greenbelt are invited (1) to apply for membership by applying for at least one share, at the rate of \$5.00 a share (shares may be purchased on the installment plan convenient to the applicant); (2) you are especially urged to make your initial payments as large as possible, in order to provide working capital; and (3) to establish and maintain a regular weekly or semi-monthly schedule of payments on shares purchased.

Your account with your Credit Union is, for all practical purposes, the same as a savings account at a bank.

The second purpose of a Credit Union is no less important than the first: "To provide loans for provident and productive purposes"--(this means any worthy enterprise). In fact, this is your opportunity to avail yourselves of financial aid when it is needed most, and to help your neighbors in the same practical way.

Office hours of your Credit Union will be each Saturday afternoon from 4 to 6 P.M., beginning Saturday, January 8, at a conveniently located desk in the shopping district.

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# Mrs. Greenbelt

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## EDITORIAL

Accounts of the horrors of the Sino-Japanese conflict are no new story, however the question as to whether we, as a nation are going to continue to help the aggressor - Japan - is of vital importance to all of us.

Every article we purchase from Japan is helping that nation continue their outrages just that much longer. It is true that most silk stockings are manufactured in this country, but the greatest percent of raw silk used in their manufacture is shipped from Japan. Most children's toys, particularly those of the cheaper variety, are stamped with the Japanese label.

Already organizations to Boycott Japan have been formed in Boston, New York, Chicago and several of the larger cities. The firm of Woolworths has issued the statement that it has purchased no goods from Japan for several months and has now only a small percent of its Japanese stock left.

To aid persons in watching out for goods made in that country, The League of Women's Shoppers of the District of Columbia has published a list of various Japanese commodities. We will try to obtain copies of this list so that they will be available to everyone in the community.

We have become so accustomed to silk in underwear, stockings and dresses that we feel shabby in anything else. Fortunately, however, we don't have to revert to the calico and cotton stockings of our grandmother's day. Synthetic silk has reached such a point in its development that only an expert can tell the difference between real and manufactured silk.

Let's have Greenbelt go on record as boycotting Japanese goods. Remember! Every toy bought for the baby of America is buying a bullet for the baby of China.

R. G. H.

## CURRENT PROBLEMS

It has been brought to the attention of the Social Welfare Committee that there is a decided need in Greenbelt for some sort of employment agency. Several instances of sickness have created the need for someone to take care of the children, do the marketing, and render other necessary services.

Undoubtedly, there are people in Greenbelt willing and anxious to earn

a little extra money if they knew of instances where help was needed.

Mrs. Harry Fleisher of 6 C Hillside Rd., telephone - 3191, has consented to take charge of such an agency.

It is hoped that standard rates may be fixed for various types of service. High School girls willing to stay with children at night are also asked to file their names with Mrs. Fleisher.



## SOCIAL NOTES

Several Greenbelters celebrated the advent of 1938 with a progressive supper. Friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roehling where with the assistance of Mrs. Helen Cowl fruit cocktails and canapés were served. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hesse and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson served the salad course. Chili and sandwiches were enjoyed at the Bauers home with Mr. and Mrs. Bamberger's assistance. The supper was concluded at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brennon where the Brennons and Henry Maurers served cake and coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. MacTurk of 2 E Northway Road entertained friends from Greenbelt and Washington at a New Year's Eve Party. Those guests from Greenbelt were, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Magill, Mr. and Mrs. Pittman; from Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Green and Mr. and Mrs. Wolfgrand. The evening's celebration ended with breakfast at 3:00 o'clock.

We welcome two newcomers to Greenbelt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris of 56 J Crescent Rd. announce the birth of a nine pound boy, Frank Sloan Harris born December 30.

Mr. and Mrs. William May 2 C Northway announce the birth of a son born December 29.

Miss Marion Louise Jeffrey of Washington D. C. has been the guest of Mrs. A. H. Cline of 39-K Ridge Road for the past week.

Mrs. Bertha Bonham of 35 B Ridge Rd. spent the New Years week-end with relatives in Annapolis, Md.

Miss Janet MacTurk of New York City has just returned to her home after spending the holidays with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. MacTurk of 2 E Northway Road.

The last day of the year was a special event to George Bauer Jr. as he became seven years old on this day. The event was celebrated with a party at which nine children attended.

## RECIPES

It is the desire of this department to publish a series of foreign recipes contributed by the members of the community.

Mrs. D. R. Steinle has given us this German recipe, which she calls "Food For The Gods."

Cut the crusts from one loaf of whole wheat bread. Crumb the remaining bread real fine. Mix these crumbs with 3 tablespoons of sugar.

Whip one pint of cream and add vanilla to taste. Do not whip cream too stiff.

Place a layer of the bread mixture in the bottom of a bowl. Cover with a layer of cream. Dot with jelly. A unique effect is produced if two different jellies, a light and a dark, are used. Add another layer of the bread mixture. Continue using these alternate layers. Top with whipped cream. Decorate with jelly.

Place in the ice box for several hours and serve.

## ONE MAN'S OPINION

Dear Mrs. Greenbelt:

If a man may intrude into your section, he would like to offer a timely suggestion. To avoid sunburn and freckles the Co-op liquid wax is excellent. Apply with an old powder puff. Allow to dry 20 minutes. Do not rub. Better protection is afforded by mixing dark red nail polish into the wax. Red pigments tend to reflect some of the heat waves in the sun's radiation.

B. A.

## BRIDGE CLUB

The first meeting of the Bridge Club for 1938 will be held at the School at 8:00 o'clock on the evening of January 10. Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Clifton Cockill will act as hostesses.

Mrs. Levi Pittman, manager of the club, announces that membership in the club has increased to twenty-four but that new members will be welcomed. If you desire to join, please get in touch with Mrs. Pittman at Greenbelt 3011. The fee is twenty five cents per meeting to defer the expenses of refreshments and prizes.



## BALANCING THE BUDGET

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The Bureau of Home Economics, Dept. of Agriculture in its pamphlet on "Diets to fit the Family Income" describes 4 diet plans at different levels of expenditure.

It is very interesting to note the amount of meat, poultry and fish allotted to each diet per week for a family of four.

Liberal diet-	11 lbs of meat
Moderate "	7 " " "
Minimum "	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " "
Restricted "	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " " "

In other words Meat is an expensive item and is cut down when the income is low. It is very necessary for the housekeeper who has a limited amount to spend on food, to learn all she can about CUTS of meat and HOW to use them. The following is a bare outline, of the various inexpensive cuts of meat and their uses:

BEEF

Neck Meat--very good meat, very inexpensive, no waste: use for soups, stews and hamburger.

Chuck--very economical; good for pot roast and oven roasts if cooked slowly;

Bottom of Round--steaks and roasts.

Flank--boiled beef, stews, steaks.

Shin--soup, stews, boiled beef.

LAMB

Shoulder--roast, chops. (It is a good plan to buy the shoulder with the neck. Have the butcher cut off chops necessary for one meal and use rest for roast stew, chop suey etc. It will run you much cheaper than buying cut chops.

Breast--stuffed and baked; stews

VEAL

At present veal is higher than lamb or beef and the cuts run about the same as far as economy is concerned. Shank, rack, Shoulder, breast, plate are the more economical cuts.

MEAT PRODUCTS

Most housekeepers overlook and neglect this very important fact that tripe, kidneys, liver and brains provide nutritive meat value at VERY LOW COST. The family food budget can be greatly aided by using these products. Many tempting dishes can be prepared with these inexpensive products.

## HISTORY OF OUR FURNITURE

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When the plan of Greenbelt was first inaugurated, the Special Skills Division of the then Resettlement Administration decided to try their hand at designing furniture. They felt that as so much attention was being given to the exterior of the dwellings, that the interiors should as nearly as possible correspond in design.

To this end, expert designers and craftsmen spent many months in finding just what they wanted. Their aim was to design furniture, simple in line, sturdy, attractive and inexpensive.

After samples were made and tried out in Greenbelt houses, they were sent to various manufacturing concerns for estimates. As some firms offered lower bids on chairs but higher bids on other pieces of furniture, the various pieces were given for manufacture to several concerns. These companies are located in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Washington, D. C., Wisconsin and West Virginia. Although this method has lowered costs it has caused delay on some of the pieces.

The woods are oak, maple and gum, which blend with one another or with any furniture bought on the open market. Living room couches are equipped with springs and mattress so that they may serve as beds. They also have detachable covers which may be dry-cleaned.

This furniture is available only to families who live on projects set up by the Farm Security Administration. All purchases have been and will be made by the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department after competitive bids have been invited and examined. The position of the Farm Security Administration is that of a central purchasing agency for a group of low income consumers whose needs could not be met by present production lines.

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The county welfare board needs materials to distribute to needy families this winter. Please leave any clothing, toys, or household goods for which you have no further use in the community box at the store.



CALENDAR OF EVENTSJanuary

Thursday, 6 ... Inaugural Session, Greenbelt Civic  
Forum, "Shall We Get Out of the Far  
East?" ..... Auditorium, 8:00 P.M.  
Friday, 7 ..... Discussion of Medical Plans for Greenbelt, .. Auditorium, 8:00 P.M.  
7 ..... Boy Scouts ..... School, 8:00 P.M.  
7 ..... Young People's Club, 33 H. Ridge Road ..... 7:30 P.M.  
Monday, 10 .... Greenbelt Bridge Club ..... School, 8:00 P.M.  
Tuesday, 11 .... Greenbelt Civic Theatre Organization Meeting, ... School, 8:00 P.M.  
Fannie Schein

CREDIT UNION TO OPEN OFFICE

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Applications for loans to meet immediate emergencies and any other pressing business relative to the Credit Union will be gladly handled at the home of the Treasurer, 37 A Ridge Road.

Glendon L. Allred, Treasurer  
Greenbelt Federal Credit Union

CIVIC THEATRE

The first definite step toward the organization of the Civic Theatre group is slated for Tuesday, January 11, at 8:00 P.M. at the school. Mrs. Theodora Murray, Chairman of Dramatics of the Recreation Committee, has issued a call for all of those who have expressed their interest in such a movement to attend.

The idea of this first meeting is to find just what Greenbelt has by way of theatre principals. There will be urgent need for designers, both costume and scenery, handy men capable of building backdrops, make-up artists and, of course, actors and actresses.

No matter what your qualifications may be turn out for this assembly and help get your Civic Theatre under way.

Little Ethel's mother had just been next door to see Mrs B's new rug. Presently Ethel knocked at Mrs. B's door and said "Please may I see your new rug too." Mrs. B was delighted at the child's interest and offered her a chair. Ethel rocked back and forth as she gazed at the rug and finally remarked, "Well, it doesn't make me sick".

GREENBELT PLANS CAMERA CLUB

Greenbelt offers an unusual variety of photographic material within its borders, and there are a number of enthusiastic amateur photographers in our midst who have expressed a desire to form a Camera Club.

However, at this time, most of us are quite busy with meetings regarding major problems, and still trying to get settled in our new homes, so it appears to be wise to postpone organizing the club until we have time to catch our breath. Perhaps there are a number of camera enthusiasts among the families scheduled to move in during January and February, so let's wait a bit, and then start off with a bang!

We have a real treat in store; Mr. Joseph Long has offered to secure a group of beautiful National Park pictures for our first exhibit! In the meantime, we can be thinking up ideas and getting our best prints together while waiting for the announcement of the first meeting in the early spring.

Eleanor Lee Templeman



## HABITS THAT BUILD A GOOD POSTURE IN A CHILD

1. Good general health; good nutrition; freedom from fatigue; freedom from repeated or long-continued infections and from diseases that bring about deformities; good sight and good hearing.

2. A well balanced diet, including the foods that help to build bone and muscle; milk, fruit, green vegetables, eggs, and meat (and cod-liver oil for the child under two)

3. Plenty of rest and sleep.

4. Varied exercise outdoors—running, jumping, skipping, climbing.

5. Wearing well-planned, well-fitting clothes and shoes.

6. Sitting in a chair that supports the lower part of the child's back and that is low enough to let him, or her, keep the feet flat on the floor.

7. Sleeping in a bed that does not sag.

Excerpt from U. S. Dept. of Labor  
Publication No. 219

## GARBAGE DISPOSAL PLANT

Mr. O. Kline Fulmer tells us that our garbage disposal plant is one of the most modern in this part of the United States.

He explained how it strains, settles, aerates and chlorinizes the garbage to dispose of it.

To do this the garbage is, first, strained and solids are removed; second, it is allowed to settle and set until a certain amount of chemical reaction has taken place; third, the liquid is drawn off to leave a sludge that is burned; fourth, the effluent (liquid) is chlorinized (Chemically treated) to kill all bacteria. Mr. Fulmer explained that this last process is so effective that the liquid after being treated is as pure as our drinking water.

## YOUNG PEOPLE GET TOGETHER

The Young People's Club held a party Tuesday night, December 28, at the Carr home, 35 E. Ridge Road.

There were games and refreshments af-

## WHY SOME GREENBELT HOUSES HAVE FLAT ROOFS

By O. Kline Fulmer  
Assistant Community Manager

The reason that Greenbelt has some flat roof and some pitched roof houses lies in the difference of the basic construction of these houses. The flat roofed units have walls of 8" cinder concrete block with reinforced concrete floors and roof, while the pitched roof houses have wood frames with 4" brick veneer exterior walls.

The large amount of concrete work on the cinder block houses furnished work for unskilled laborers while the wood framework and sheathing of the brick houses required skilled carpenters.

Since Greenbelt was primarily a relief project it had to employ many unskilled workers and provide sufficient work for these men. About half of the houses, therefore, were built of cinder block and concrete.

The question of the necessity for attic storage space as provided in the brick houses was very carefully weighed but it was decided that many of the families would not need that extra space because of the large closet space in the house itself.

In the rental experience thus far this decision has been found to be correct as many of the residents find no need for attic storage space. Therefore, since necessity and not architectural design was the deciding factor in the construction of the flat roof houses it is fortunate that the preference of the residents is in about equal proportion to the original requirements.

The construction was found to be approximately the same on both types and the years ahead will tell us which is the most costly to maintain. Both types have precisely the same foundation and first floor construction and the room arrangement and size in similar houses is identical.

ter which gifts were exchanged.

About fifteen people were there.



## CLEARANCE SALE AT CO-OP FASHION SHOP

Sale Began December 27 and  
Lasts Through January

You and your families are invited to take advantage of the opportunity to save substantially on dresses, coats and hats made by a cooperative, nonprofit organization under Union conditions at Jersey Homesteads, a Resettlement community near Hightstown, New Jersey.

This quality merchandise is sold directly from factory to you, eliminating excessive distribution costs and middlemen's profits at the Co-op Fashion Shop, 1811 H Street, N. W., Washington.

At the clearance sale you will find smartly designed dresses, beautifully tailored winter coats and smart looking hats. There will be plenty of styles, colors and sizes to choose from. Many will be sold at half of the original price.

All residents of Greenbelt and their families will receive an 8 percent cash patronage dividend through Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., when making purchases at the Co-Op Fashion Shop.

## DUNAWAY WINS PING PONG TOURNAMENT

That noise you heard Thursday in the Fire House was not the Fire Department practicing on their apparatus but the finals of the first Greenbelt Ping Pong tournament being run off. When the smoke had cleared and the last ball was driven into the Oil Pan, which occupied a prominent position in the center of the floor, Jim Dunaway was declared Greenbelt's first Ping Pong Champion.

Thirty-two people participated in the matches which began Tuesday Night including several cohorts of Mrs. Greenbelt. John Murray and Dunaway survived the early rounds and met in the final game. Dunaway won three in a row by the close scores of 21-19, 21-17 and 23-21. All in all it was a very successful tournament and many potential Table Tennis Champions were uncovered.

LET'S HAVE MORE PING PONG.....

C.J.C.

## MEET OUR SPORTS WRITER

The description of Greenbelt's dream football team in action, which appeared in the Cooperator of December 15, brought so much favorable comment that we thought a few words about the dreamer, Clifton J. Cockill, would not be amiss.

Mr. Cockill, who comes from Pennsylvania and an athletically inclined family, is obsessed with the healthful atmosphere and facilities which Greenbelt offers, especially to the young. His son, Michael, is sixteen months old and already "twenty-eight pounds of brawn".

Though Mr. Cockill weighs 142 pounds and is of medium height, he envisions Michael as center on Greenbelt University's 1952 eleven. He is to be six feet one inch tall and weigh 190 pounds. (Mrs. Cockill lets us in on this; her father is six feet three and well proportioned). Michael seems to have a good start and we hope he comes through as per schedule.

Mr. Cockill has been asked to cover all Greenbelt football games to be held in 1952.

A. A. D.

## BASKETBALL PLAYERS WANT GYM-LINES NOW

Requests have poured into Administration headquarters from basketball players urgently appealing for ruled lines on the school gymnasium floor.

Basketball players cannot play games without such marked floors and the long delay has developed into a grievance.

O. Kline Fulmer, assistant community manager, reported Saturday that he has done "everything possible to get a crew from the construction workers to put in necessary lines on the basketball court, but without success thus far."

Fulmer has promised to repeat his efforts in getting the project ready for players at the earliest possible time. Many grownups, men and women, and dozens of youngsters are "plenty sore" because the Administration has side-tracked their requests for this small job in the gymnasium.

L.B.



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

D is for DOG. D is also for many other things which some people like and others dislike.

O C is for OLDER CHILDREN who root up and destroy much more grass per capita with their roller skates, bicycles and wagons than many times their number in dogs - if dogs did such a thing. A dog can be taught to dig. He can also be taught NOT to dig. Dogs are easier to train or correct than children, and they do not beat trees and shrubs with baseball bats. We who have both children and dogs try to keep both in hand and are ready to make reparations whenever necessary.

In a recent issue of the Cooperator an article on dogs touched on canine cleanliness. I heartily agree with the writer. A dog's habits and training combined with Greenbelt's sunshine, fresh air and wide open spaces make a perfect combination to further this cleanliness. The refuse receptacles - garbage cans to those who dislike dogs - are dog proof as well as fly proof - which reminds me:

When the first citizens of Greenbelt entered the portals of their new homes, who was there to greet them? Not the mayor, nor the mayor's reception committee. It was FLIES that buzzed their welcome. And yet no dog had introduced them, for Greenbelt was a virgin dogless town. Don't blame a dog for a fly crop. They despise flies too and do more about it than many humans. They snap at them. Snap, because flies tease. Dogs should not be teased. Neither should children be teased. Nor should they tease. But a dog will not snap if he can get away, and fenceless Greenbelt is the place where he could get away.

Have you noticed our many dog visitors? Have you noticed how regularly they follow their routes for ever-ready tidbits provided by Greenbelt's tolerant citizens? These untrained strays, undesirable as they are, have caused no damage. We dog owners are confident that our pets would at least do as well.

Irvin B. Reamy  
Greenbelt, Md.

The rooms in a house don't interest a burglar as much as the haul.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Many of the people who express willingness for a vote on the question of having pets in Greenbelt, no doubt, were unaware of the real hazards caused by dogs and cats. Few people indeed realize these hazards, especially among so many children.

Dogs, by virtue of their peculiar digestive system, can feed upon things that would be destructive to human beings. They are harborers or carriers of germs, parasites, and poisons that endanger us.

This fact helps to explain why the bite, or even contact, of a dog so often produces serious infection or diseases in people.

Although hydrophobia is not the problem that it once was, the treatment for its prevention is costly, painful, and dangerous. Also, discovery of its presence in a community is often too late for lives to be saved.

Greenbelt promises to be a town without flies, but this pest would surely follow as a result of having dogs and cats.

"Filth" or "littering up the premises" is not the end of the story connected with canine waste. Contrary to the belief of the public, several varieties of worms that commonly infest dogs produce seed or eggs which easily find their way from the contaminated ground to inflict persons with the ailment or disease.

In considering the question, bear in mind the safety of your children and the safety of your neighbors' children. The government has established for us a sanitary and safe place in which to live. Let's keep it so.

(sgd) Maury Fontaine

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Douglas fir from a Cactus. This is readily done by obtaining a section from the very end of the root and examining it under a microscope. The cell walls of the Douglas fir are by far the thinner.

(Editor's plea: Will Dr. Oozle, hailing from parts unknown, please continue to shed light on the mysteries of nature.)



# OUR OIL-BURNER FURNACES GIVE MUTE REBUKE

- CLASSIFIED ADS -

## For Sale

Editor, The Cooperator:

Because of the recent flurry over one of our oil-burner furnaces, I investigated and found our mute furnace "tenders" to be quite safe and practical.

Mr. O. Kline Fulmer explained the safety features of the furnaces.

The ceiling above the furnace is solid concrete in all houses and five inches thick, to make the furnace inclosure fireproof. The furnace, hot water heating system, and oil-burner equipment is of the most modern type, completely inspected and approved by the Bureau of Underwriters for safety.

The controls are so designed that an explosion causing any damage is absolutely impossible. In the case of the "trouble" last week, a shorage of oil causing a delayed combustion resulted in a puff that blew the furnace door open. The doors are so designed that they open automatically upon excessive interior pressure, thus eliminating the possibility of explosion. The only damage was the loss of sleep by the firemen and maintenance men, and undue excitement on the part of the neighbors.

Robert R. Porter

A Greenbelt native calls his house "rheumatism" because it's such a swell joint.

You can always tell the road to success. It's lined with hitch-hikers.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

Beginning with this issue the Greenbelt Cooperator institutes a new department, that of Classified Ads.

If you have lost your watch, or want to swap a baby carriage for a piano, or what have you, if you need domestic help, or have a service to offer, a small ad in the Cooperator will get you quick results.

Just call Greenbelt 3021 to phone your ad in, or drop it in the Cooperator's box in the Grocery Store.

The price for Classified Ads will be 25 cents for four lines; five cents for each additional line, with a minimum charge of 25 cents for any insertion.

Tenor Banjo

Vega, Professional Model with Case. Cost \$300. - will sell for \$25 cash. A. C. Lehman, 3 C Eastway.

Bassinette

Practically new; Kapok mattress. 1 A Northway.

## Services

Notary Public

George W. Bryant, 56 C Crescent Road. (Applications for Civil Service examinations and other legal papers must be notarized.)

Haircutting

All types of haircutting and barbering by Mr. Juliana. Call at 1 G Northway after 8:00 P.M.

Haircutting

Haircuts, shaves massages, etc., by Mr. Scardillis. Ladies' haircutting a specialty. By appointment at 2 E Eastway.

Driving Instructor

Will give lessons in driving. Preparation for taking driver's permit examinations. Karl Coblenzer, 5 E Eastway.

General House Work

Floors waxed, general household repairing, towel racks installed, etc. 3 E Eastway.

Piano Lessons

50 cents per hour, all ages of pupils accepted, by German educated instructor, Mrs. Kate Coblenzer, 5 E Eastway.

Radio Repairing

Will call at home for free estimate. 6 B Hillside, Phone Greenbelt 2791.

## Lost and Found

Lost, Dec. 8, child's brown galoshes, size 2 or 3--near or around Ridge Road. If found, please notify Mrs. Wright, 41 A Ridge Road.



AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CAR OWNERS OF GREENBELT

Wednesday, January 5

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Greenbelt:

You own and drive your car. For that automobile you need a certain amount of gasoline, oil, lubrication, air, water, etc.

Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., has opened in the center of our town a service station, ready to serve you with most of the needs for your automobile. We have Sinclair regular gasoline and Sinclair Ethyl gasoline, at 16¢ and 18¢ a gallon -- Washington prices. Sinclair products are a recognized standard high quality brand of merchandise, and are recommended by a Consumer's testing agency.

We carry oil at various prices, and anti-freeze; we have in stock now a Co-op tire and tube that cannot be beaten for price and quality. Very shortly we will be equipped to lubricate and completely service your car.

The station will, of course, be run on the same cooperative principles as all other stores in Greenbelt. The quality of our products is high, and the prices are standard. It is your Cooperative Service Station and depends upon your patronage for success and progress. I sincerely hope that you will trade in Greenbelt, for the advantage will be shared by everyone and will make a better community which we all may enjoy.

We would appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

JAMES M. DUNAWAY, Manager